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To,

The Chief Election Commissioner,
Election Commission of India,
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road,
New Delhi – 110001

**Subject: Request for Immediate Removal of Smt. Rashmi Shukla from
the Position of Director General of Police, Maharashtra**

Respected Sir,

I am writing to bring to your urgent attention a matter that severely compromises the ability to conduct free and fair elections in Maharashtra, scheduled for October-November 2024.

The issue pertains to the illegal extension and misuse of power by Smt. Rashmi Shukla, a 1988 batch IPS officer currently holding the position of Director General of Police (DGP), Maharashtra, along with the additional charge of Director General in charge of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB).

Smt. Rashmi Shukla was due to retire on 30th June 2024, upon reaching the age of superannuation as per her date of birth in June 1964. However, she has been illegally granted an extension until January 2026, in direct violation of the Maharashtra Police Act, which stipulates that the DGP of the state shall have a term of two years or until their retirement, whichever is earlier.

In addition to this unlawful extension, Smt. Rashmi Shukla has a history of engaging in illegal activities that raise serious concerns about her impartiality and ability to perform her duties with integrity.

She has been involved in the illegal tapping of opposition leaders' phones without proper authorization, misleading competent authorities in the process. Despite several cases being registered against her, these cases were shelved following the change of government in Maharashtra, with the BJP coming into power.

During her tenure as DGP, she has actively misused her position to harass and threaten opposition leaders, often generating false inquiries and registering baseless cases against them. She has acted as a political campaigner for the BJP,



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compromising the integrity and non-partisan nature of her role as a senior police officer.

As the DG in charge of the ACB, she has summoned opposition party leaders and members to police stations and ACB offices, using her powers to coerce and intimidate them. Furthermore, she has aligned the State Intelligence Department (SID) with the interests of the BJP, a trend observed during her previous tenure as Commissioner of SID.

Given the above instances of political bias, misuse of government machinery, and illegal activities, it is impossible to ensure a fair and impartial environment for the upcoming elections in Maharashtra while Shrimati Rashmi Shukla continues to hold power over the state police.

In light of these serious violations of law and protocol, I respectfully request the Election Commission of India to take immediate action to remove Smt. Rashmi Shukla from both the positions of DGP Maharashtra and DG ACB. Her removal is crucial to safeguard the democratic process and ensure that the forthcoming elections are conducted in a fair, free, and transparent manner.

We trust that the Election Commission will consider this matter with the utmost urgency and take appropriate action to restore faith in the electoral process.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. Yours sincerely,

(Nana Patole)

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